has right to say what he has to say. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: That is true. But the question is whether the public sector undertaking, namely, the Hotel Corporation of India is going to fade or off-load. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, I have replied to the first question. My explanation is that now the air traffic is increasing. We are getting many aircraft from outside. Our number is also increasing. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Sir, he is deliberately misleading the House. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Now, he say, the business has increased. So far, he was talking about competition. Now he says the work has increased.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: He is not answering the question. Why should we let him complete? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The question is very simple and pecific. Air India owns the Hotel Corporation of India. It is a public sector undertaking. The question is whether this organisation is going to fade or offload and if it is so, how the Government propose to tackle the problem of the employees. It is very simple.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: If that is the question, I will reply to that question also... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: That encompasses the whole question.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: I will reply to all the questions. (*Interruptions*). May I reply, Sir? My reply is that you have no reason to be afraid of this fact. (*Interruption*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him complete.

SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL: Please wait for one minute. I cannot go on replying to your interjections. (*Interruptions*). Sir, Mr. Morarka wanted to know whether we are going to retrench any people. Some other hon. Members also want to know whether we are going to retrench any people. I would like to tell them that this will not affect them. You do not have any reason to be afraid of it. Don't believe theories which do not exist at all. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the operation of airlines, specially the international airlines, Air India is facing competition in the whole world. In trying to improve the service ffood is alsa a very important factor. I think that a certain amount of competition is helpful and I do think that if the private sector in is competing with the publis sector in trying to provide good food, it is a good idea. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Air India is keeping track of what type of food other airlies are supplying at this time. Where are we in comparison with them and is he foing to make a survey and try to ensure a better service for the people who travel by Air India?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: We are trying to improve the product which is given by Air India. The facilities provided on board, at the airport, the quality of food, all these things are being looked into and we are trying to procure good quality food from our hotels as well as from outside.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

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## SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

### Tough mathematics paper for Class XII Examination of CBSE

SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 5th and the 8th March, 1980 regarding the complaints made by the class XII students, their parents, teachers and principals against the Mathematics paper of class XII examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, which was framed out of the course and was of unusually difficult nature; and

(b) if so, what action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard to save the career of hundreds of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On receiving the complaints the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken action to examine the veracity of the complaints for taking remedial action as may be necessary. The Central Board of Secondary Education ascertained the validity of the complaints from the Paper Setter and Moderator and also obtained opinion of other knowledgeable persons. The Examination Committee of the Central Board of Secondary Education had an emergent meeting on 11th March, 1989 which found that the total marks added upto only 98 and recommended the two extra marks be given to all candidates securing ten marks or more to compensate for the faulty allocation of marks in the question paper. Central Board of Secondary Education has further informed that they will take necessary steps to see the legitimate interests of the students are safeguarded. Also, the Government has taken initiative for consultation between the Central Board of Secondary Education and the experts in Mathematics. In the light of the consultation held on 28.3.89, Central Board of Secondary Education will take appropriate action to ensure that no injustice is done to the students.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a short notice question. Shri Anand Prakash Gautam.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes. Mr. Minister. (*Interruptions*). The short notice question of Shri Anand Prakash Gautam. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI L. P. SHAHI: (a) Yes. On receiving complaints, the Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE, has taken action to mention the veracity of the complaints for taking remedial action as may be necessary. The Central Board of Secondary Education ascertained the validity of the complaints from the paper-setter and the moderator and also obtained the opinion of other knowledgeable persons. The Examination Committee of the Central Board of Secondary Education, had an emergent meeting on 11th March 1989, which found that the total marks added upto anly 98 and recommended that two extra marks be given to all the candidates securing 10 marks or more to compensate for the faulty allocation of marks in the question paper. The Central Board of Secondary Education has further informed that it will take necessary steps to see that the legitimate interests of the students are safeguarded. Also, the Government has taken the initiative for consultation with the Central Board of Secondary Education and the experts in mathematics. In the light of the consultation held, the Central Board of Secondary Education will take appropriate action to ensure that no injustice is done to the students.

**श्री आनन्द प्रकाश गौतम** : महोदया, 5 मार्च और 8 मार्च के पेपर में शिकायतें छपी थीं । आपके उत्तर में जो आया है उसमें यह लिखा है कि सरकार उन शिकायतों की वैधता की जांच कर रही

है । वे शिकायतें वैध हैं या नहीं, इस बात की जांच की जा रही है जबकि सवाल में यह स्पष्ट पूछा गया था कि 12वीं कक्षा के पाठ्यक्रम से हटकर इतने कठिन सवाल पूछे गये थे कि जिनकों कि असाधारण बुद्धि के विद्यार्थियों ने भी हल करने में असमर्थता व्यक्त की थी तो मात्र उसमें आपने यह बताया कि सवाल 98 नम्बर के थे और उन विद्यार्थियों के दो नम्बर बढ़ा दिये जायेंगे जिन्होंने कम से कम 10 मार्क्स पा लिये हैं। लेकिन महोदया, यह स्पष्ट पूछा गया था कि सवाल पाठ्यक्रम से हटकर पूछे गये हैं इसके साथ तमाम विद्यार्थियों का भविष्य जुड़ा हुआ है, वे इससे प्रभावित होंगे अत: इसके बारे में सरकार ने कौन से स्पष्ट उपाय किये हैं । इसके ऊपर आपका कोई उत्तर नहीं आया है । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि और क्या स्पष्ट उपाय इसके लिए किये गये हैं ? दूसरा एक यह कि क्या इस संबंध में माननीय उच्च न्यायालय ने भी कोई निर्णय सरकार को पालन के लिए किसी रिट के माध्यम से दिया है और यदि दिया है तो वह क्या है ?

श्री एल० पो० साहो : महोदया, मैंने उत्तर में बताया कि सरकार ने भी इसमें इनीशियेटिव लेकर गणित के जो एक्सपर्ट लोग हैं उनको बुलाया था और उनसे बातचीत हुई है और सेंट्रल बोर्ड के लोग भी वहां पर मौजूद थे । इसलिए जो सवाल सिलेबस के बाहर पाये जायेंगे उनके बारे में मुनासिब कार्यवाही की जाएगी । लड़कों को उसकी वजह से दिक्कत नहीं होगी जितने अंक के सवाल सिलेबस के बाहर पाये जायेंगे, उनके लिए विद्यार्थियों को कम्पेनसेट किया जाएगा । यह मैंने कहा है और फिर इसको दोहरा रहा हूं ।

**श्री आनन्द प्रकाश गौतम :** माननीया विद्यार्थियों को कम्पेनसेट करने की बात आप कह रहे हैं और यह भी बताया कि आप भविष्य में इस संबंध में निर्णय लेंगे कि यदि वह पाठ्यक्रम के बाहर के प्रश्न-पत्र में लाफ हुए प्रश्न होंगे, यह निश्चित होगा, तो यह कब तक वह निर्धारित कर पायेंगे कि वह पाठ्यक्रम के बाहर के हैं ? यदि वह निर्धारित हो गया कि यह पाठ्यक्रम के बाहर के हैं, तो क्या माननीय मंत्री इसके लिए कोई ऐसा कदम उठायेंगे कि इस प्रश्न पत्र की परीक्षा दुबारा ली जा सके ?

श्री एल० पो० साही : महोदया, दुबारा परीक्षा लेने में आप्शन देना होगा क्योंकि कुछ विद्यार्थी इस प्रश्न पत्र में भी अच्छा कर चुके होंगे और वे फिर दुबारा बैठना नहीं चाहेंगे--यह भी उसमें एक डिफिकल्टी है । इसलिए हम तो ऐसा सोच रहे हैं कि उसका फैसला अगले तीनचार दिनों में हो जाएगा कि जितना अंश आउट आफ सिलेबस है, या आउट आफ कोर्स बताया गया है उस अंश के लिए विद्यार्थियों को हम अलग से कम्पेनसेट करें । उसका फार्मूला क्या होगा यह अभी बन कर तैयार नहीं है इस लिए मैं नहीं कह सकता कि किस फार्मूले के आधार पर होगा क्योंकि इस प्रश्न पत्र के अंदर भी बहुत से विद्यार्थी होंगे, जिनके 90 से अधिक नम्बर आये होंगे ।

इसलिए कोई फार्मूला निकाल कर हम यह जरूर देखेंगे कि विद्यार्थियों को आगे पढ़ने में दिक्कत नहीं हो-- जहां वह जाएं हां इसकी वजह से उनके नम्बर कम नहीं हों ।

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Fresh Trade agreement between India and Nepal

*383. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be plaesed to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conclude a fresh trade agreement with Nepal;

(b) whether Government also proposed to split the trade and transit